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For: **2-(PIPERIDIN-4-YL)-4,5-DIHYDRO-2H-PYRIDAZIN-3-ONE DERIVATIVES
AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment; and
- (3) Appendix A.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

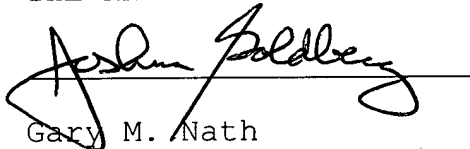
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated April 2, 2008. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on July 2, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17-18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein as outlined in Appendix A, attached herewith.

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-13 and 15 will